A Recovery plan for Europe: The Recovery and Resilience Facility

IRELAND

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Overview of Ireland’s RRP

- **3 components**
- **25 measures**
- **9 reforms and 16 investments**
- **109 Milestones & Targets**
- **€ 989 million in grants**
## Assessment summary

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- **A** indicates a strong positive aspect.
- **B** indicates a moderate positive aspect.
Green transition

42% of plan allocated to **climate** objectives

**Key investments**
- Electrification and upgrade of Cork commuter rail (€164m)
- Rehabilitation of peatlands (€108m)
- Retrofitting of residential and public buildings (€100m)

**Key reforms**
- Reforming the climate governance framework and enshrining climate neutrality by 2050 into law
- Carbon tax

**DNSH**
*No measure in the plan harms environmental objectives*
Digital transition

32% of plan allocated to digital objectives

Key investments
- Digitalisation of public administration and services (€105m)
- Digital transformation of Irish enterprises (€85m)
- Funding for connectivity and ICT devices to schools (€64m)
- Development of a shared Government data centre (€39m)

Key reforms
- Addressing the digital divide by ensuring that all learners develop foundational skills to engage in the digital economy and take advantage of the digital transition

Sectors specific actions
- Enhancing digital skills
- Support to the digitalisation of the Irish healthcare system

Multi-country project
- European digital innovation hubs
Resilience

Labour market, higher education & skills
- Reskilling and upskilling workers (€114m)
- Work placement programme (€27m)
- Support to higher education in technological universities (€40m)

Health
- Reform of healthcare (progressing Sláintecare)
- Digitalisation of health

Social
- Increasing the supply of social and affordable housing

Economic
- Reducing barriers to entrepreneurship
- Strengthening the anti-money laundering framework
- Tackling aggressive tax planning
Social impact and equality screening

- Description of equality challenges
- Reskilling of workers most affected by the pandemic
- Digital inclusion measures
- Increase of availability of social and affordable housing
Audit and control – Protection of the EU’s financial interests

Audit and control systems:
- Robust process and structures
- Roles and responsibilities clearly defined
- A&C functions appropriately segregated

Framework to protect against serious irregularities in the use of funds:
- Fraud
- Corruption
- Conflicts of interests
- Double funding

Milestones specific to audit & control:
- Provide workload analysis of both the audit body and implementing body
- Creation of a repository system for recording and storing relevant data
Disbursement profile

Source: Commission calculations
Note: RHS = right hand side
Thank you